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EXPORT OF SHRIMP
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of various varieties of shrimps exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase shrimp cultivation with a view to increase the exports following the increase in demand in the international markets;

(c) whether any new variety of shrimp is proposed to be cultivated for export purpose in any State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Details are at Annexure − 1, 2 and 3.

(b) The Government, through MPEDA is focusing on the development of aquaculture in the coastal states for increasing shrimp/scampi production for export by implementing various technical and financial assistance schemes for our aqua farmers. MPEDA has also formed a society named National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) based at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh to constitute small-scale farmers into registered aqua societies for production of quality shrimps in a sustainable manner. Under the "Mission Mode Action Plan" MPEDA is also giving special thrust in the coastal states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Orissa for covering more area under shrimp /scampi farming.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Initially, the Ministry of Agriculture had permitted only two firms in the state of Andhra Pradesh to import SPF vannamei brood stock to carry out experimental production of pacific shrimp Litopenaeus vannamei. After deliberations and wider consultations based on the results of culture of this species Ministry of Agriculture has recently notified the guidelines on Quarantine for breeding, rearing and farming of Litopenaeus vannamei under the Coastal Aquaculture Act, 2005 for regular cultivation of this variety into the country.